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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
Attorney Docket No. 78741-3

In re application of ANDREW HUNT )  
Serial No.: 09/899,150 ) Art Unit: 2184  
Filed : July 6, 2001 ) Examiner:  
For : CODE STRUCTURE, ENCODER, )  
ENCODING METHOD, AND ASSOCIATED )  
DECODER AND DECODING METHOD )

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Technology Center 2100

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

By way of Preliminary Amendment please amend the above-identified application  
as follows:

In the Description

Add the following paragraph before the paragraph entitled "Field of the  
Invention":

Related Applications

a<sup>1</sup> This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/216,541  
filed July 6, 2000.